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2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 13, THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE
AND THE STATE COUNCIL HELD A MEETING OF PARTY AND
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT LEADERS TO HEAR A JUNE 9 SPEECH
MADE BY DENG XIAOPING TO MARTIAL LAW TROOP

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COMMANDERS; LI PENG, QIAO SHI, AND YAO YILIN WERE FEATURED. THE BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ISSUED A WANTED CIRCULAR FOR THE ARREST OF 21 LEADERS OF THE BEIJING AUTONOMOUS STUDENTS UNION FOR "INCITING AND ORGANIZING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION IN BEIJING." TODAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ATTACKING FANG LIZHI AND US INTERFERENCE IN CHINESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS; IT WARNED THE U.S. TO CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF SINO-US RELATIONS. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD TO LEAVE CHINA IN 72 HOURS BY THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT TODAY; AP REPORTER JOHN POMFRET IS MEETING WITH THE POLICE AT 1700 TODAY AND MAY SUFFER THE SAME FATE. PLAINCLOTHES SECURITY OFFICIALS QUICKLY INTERVENED AND INTERROGATED AT LEAST ONE VISA APPLICANT OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. INCREASED ARMED PAP PRESENCE CONTINUES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AREA AND TWO OUT OF THREE GATES TO EACH OF THE HOUSING AREAS REMAIN CLOSED TO CARS. THE JAPANESE DCM IS LEAVING FOR TOKYO TODAY (JUNE 14) FOR CONSULTATIONS. THE JAPANESE BELIEVE THAT THEIR CITIZENS SHOULD NOT YET BE ADVISED TO RETURN TO BEIJING. THE MEDIA CONTINUES TO BROADCAST INTERVIEWS WITH VARIOUS FOREIGN MANAGERS IN SHANGHAI WHO EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE IN CONTINUING TRADE ACTIVITIES IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CHINA DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TOLD US JUNE 14 THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN A CENTRAL PARTY DOCUMENT DIRECTING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH IN TANDEM WITH MOVES AGAINST PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. OF OUR PRINCIPAL TRADE RIVALS, ONLY THE ITALIANS ARE DOING "BUSINESS AS USUAL." THE BRITISH HAVE CANCELLED TWO MINISTERIAL VISITS WHICH HAD COMMERCIAL MOTIVES, AND THE CANADIANS AND THE WEST GERMANS HAVE WITHDRAWN ALL OF THEIR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS. END SUMMARY.

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3. CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND STATE COUNCIL LEADERS STUDY DENG XIAOPING SPEECH

JUNE 13'S EVENING NEWS AND JUNE 14'S PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED THAT THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE STATE COUNCIL CALLED A MEETING OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT LEADERS ON JUNE 13 TO HEAR A SPEECH MADE BY DENG XIAOPING TO ARMY COMMANDERS OF THE MARTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TROOPS ON JUNE 9. LI PENG, AS A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO'S STANDING COMMITTEE AND PREMIER, PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING WHILE QIAO SHI,

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IDENTIFIED AS A POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER, READ THE SPEECH. LI CALLED ON ALL DEPARTMENTS TO ORGANIZE TO STUDY DENG'S SPEECH. HE URGED THE NEWS MEDIA TO "QUICKLY TAKE THE STAND OF THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE AND DOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROPAGATE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, EXPOSE THE CRIMES OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELS." LI SAID THAT THE "CHINESE PEOPLE WILL NOT YIELD TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE." YAO YILIN, AS A POLITBURO STANDING

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND VICE-PREMIER, ALSO SPOKE.

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4. WANTED CIRCULAR ISSUED FOR ILLEGAL STUDENT
ORGANIZATION LEADERS

ON JUNE 13 THE BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ISSUED A WANTED CIRCULAR FOR THE ARREST OF 21 LEADERS OF THE AUTONOMOUS STUDENTS UNION OF BEIJING UNIVERSITIES (ASUBU), ACCUSING THE ORGANIZATION OF "INCITING AND ORGANIZING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION IN BEIJING." THE CIRCULAR, SHOWN ON CCTV JUNE 13 AND IN PEOPLE'S DAILY JUNE 14, INCLUDED PHOTOGRAPHS, NAMES, AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE "WANTED:" WANG DAN, WUER KAIXI, LIU GANG, CHAI LING, ZHOU FENGSUO, ZHAI WEIMIN, LIANG QINGTUN, WANG SHENGYUN, ZHENG XUGUANG, MA SHAOFANG, YANG TAO, WANG ZHIXIN, FENG CONGDE, WANG CHAOHUA, WANG YOUNGAI, ZHANG ZHIQING, ZHANG BOLI, LI LU, ZHANG MING, XIONG WEI, AND XIONG YAN. THE JUNE 13 CCTV REPORT INCLUDED FOOTAGE TAKEN FROM A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA IN A HOTEL DINING ROOM OF WUER KAIXI AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS EATING DINNER ON MAY 29 (DATE IMPRINTED ON VIDEO). THE NARRATOR SAID THAT WUER AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS WERE "STUFFING THEIR BELLIES WHILE COLLEAGUES FASTED". IN FACT, THE HUNGER STRIKE HAD ALREADY ENDED BY MAY 29.

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5. PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ATTACKS FANG LIZHI AND US INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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THE JUNE 14 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON ITS FRONT PAGE ENTITLED "CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS CANNOT BE INTERFERED WITH." THE EDITORIAL REVIEWS FANG AND HIS WIFE'S COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. NOTING THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-US RELATIONS, THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT IN THE US "THERE IS A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HOSTILE TO COMMUNISM AND TRY TO USE THEIR BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND BOURGEOIS POLITICAL SYSTEM AS A MEANS TO INFLUENCE" THE CHINESE PEOPLE. FURTHERMORE, THE RECENT "TURMOIL AND COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY REBELLION" ARE THE RESULT OF THE UNCHECKED SPREAD OF BOURGEOIS LIBERALISM, FANNED BY VOA. THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT OTHERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP.

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6. VOA CALLED IN BY BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

VOA CORRESPONDENT AL PESSIN WAS CALLED IN BY THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT 1630 HOURS TODAY. HE WAS TOLD THAT HE HAS 72 HOURS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. CHINESE OFFICIALS CHARGED HIM WITH "SPREADING RUMORS" AND SAID THAT HE HAD VIOLATED SEVERAL MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. AS OF THIS WRITING, PESSIN IS STILL AT THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE. HE TAPE-RECORDED THE EXCHANGE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, BUT THEY REFUSE TO LET HIM LEAVE WITH HIS (AUDIO) TAPE. THE CHINESE USED BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO TO TAPE THE MEETING. PESSIN REFUSED TO LEAVE WITHOUT HIS TAPE. THE CURRENT SITUATION IS A STANDOFF. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH PESSIN BY PHONE AND WILL SEND AN EMBOFF

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TO ASSIST AS SOON AS THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. PESSIN DID NOT WANT AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE MEETING AND, FOR THE TIME BEING, HE DOES NOT WANT AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO GO TO ASSIST HIM. WE WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND SEND ASSISTANCE IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY OR IF OUR COMMUNICATION WITH PESSIN IS BROKEN.

AP'S JOHN POMFRET WAS ORDERED TO REPORT TO THE BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU AT 1700 TODAY (JUNE

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14). AN EMBASSY OFFICER IS ACCOMPANYING POMFRET.

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7. SECURITY PERSONNEL MONITOR EMBASSY

ALTHOUGH UNIFORMED PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE PRESENCE HAS INCREASED AROUND THE EMBASSY, THERE OBVIOUSLY IS AN INCREASED INTEREST BY PLAIN-CLOTHES SECURITY PERSONNEL. LATE THIS MORNING A STUDENT REQUESTED POLOFF ASSISTANCE WITH A VISA REFUSAL OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. ARRIVING AT THE CHANCERY, THE STUDENT CHECKED WITH THE CHINESE PAP GUARD AND WAS MET BY POLOFF WHO ACCCOMPANIED HIM TO ERBAN AND THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS THE PAIR WALKED TO ERBAN, TWO PLAINCLOTHESMEN ARRIVED--PERHAPS 90 SECONDS AFTER POLOFF ARRIVED--AND INTERVENED. AFTER EXAMINING THE STUDENT'S PAPERS, THE PLAINCLOTHESMEN LET THE STUDENT GO. THE STUDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY QUITE SCARED BY THE INCIDENT.

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8. CONTINUED PAP PRESENCE NEAR DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS

AN EMBOFF REPORTED THAT THE MILITARY MAINTAINED A CHECKPOINT AT THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS LAST NIGHT. ALL VEHICLES WERE WAVED OVER AND IDENTIFICATION CHECKED. THE CHECKPOINT WAS CLOSED DOWN AT 0600. THE OVERPASS IS NOT FAR FROM THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY THE ARMY AND REPORTEDLY IS SERVING AS HEADQUARTERS OF SORTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE DOUBLING OR TRIPLING OF PAP GUARDS AT USUAL LOCATIONS, TWO PAP GUARDS ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS REMAIN ON GUARD JUST BEYOND THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC HOUSING AREA. TWO OF THREE ENTRANCES TO BOTH THE JIANGUOMENWAI AND QIJIA YUAN HOUSING AREAS REMAIN CLOSED EXCEPT FOR FOOT AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC. THERE ARE TWO ARMED PAP GUARDS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CLOTHING FREE MARKET NOT FAR FROM THE EMBASSY ON JIANGUOMENWAI DAJIE.

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9. JAPANESE AGREE THAT ITS TOO EARLY FOR CITIZENS TO RETURN

JAPANESE DCM KUBOTA TOLD US THAT HE WILL RETURN TO TOKYO FOR CONSULTATIONS TODAY (JUNE 14). HE AGREED WITH US THAT DESPITE OFFICIAL CHINESE CLAIMS TO THE

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CONTRARY, BEIJING IS NOT RETURNING TO NORMAL AND THE
CITIZENS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE ADVISED
TO RETURN YET.

10. JUNE 13 CCTV EVENING NEWS BROADCAST INTERVIEWS

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WITH VARIOUS FOREIGN MANAGERS IN SHANGHAI WHO
EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN CONTINUING TRADE
ACTIVITIES IN CHINA DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION.
AMONG LAST NIGHT'S COMPANIES WERE MARUBENI,
MITSUBISHI, SUMITOMO, SIEMENS, AND AN AMERICAN
COMPANY (SOUNDED LIKE RH MACY). THE PREVIOUS EVENING
THE EUROPEAN MANAGER OF THE HUA TING SHERATON HOTEL
MADE A SIMILAR APPEARANCE.

11. PARTY REPORTEDLY DIRECTS ATTACKS AGAINST
UNDERGROUND CHURCH

[REDACTED] TOLD US JUNE 14 THAT HE HAD
PERSONALLY SEEN A CENTRAL PARTY DOCUMENT DIRECTING AN
ATTACK AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH,
I.E. ABOUT TWENTY BISHOPS AND TWO HUNDRED PRIESTS.

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[REDACTED] THAT THE
AUTHORITIES WILL MOVE AGAINST THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH
AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY ARE MOVING AGAINST
PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD
REPORTS THAT A BISHOP JIA FROM HEBEI HAS ALREADY
DISAPPEARED; HE WAS REPORTEDLY PICKED UP IN BEIJING
AND CANNOT NOW BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

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12. STATUS OF TRADE RIVAL COMMERCIAL REPS IN BEIJING

FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF OUR MAJOR WESTERN AND
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JAPANESE TRADE RIVALS IN BEIJING. AS IS APPARENT,
EXCEPT FOR ITALY, ALL ARE PROCEEDING ON A "BUSINESS
NOT AS USUAL" BASIS:

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--CANADA HAS NO COMMERCIAL OFFICERS LEFT IN BEIJING;

--WEST GERMANY HAS NO COMMERCIAL OFFICERS LEFT;

--AUSTRALIA HAS ONE JUNIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER LEFT;

--FRANCE HAS DRAWN DOWN TO HALF ITS COMMERCIAL STAFF;

--THE UK HAS DRAWN DOWN TO ONE OFFICER AND ONE
SECRETARY FROM FIFTEEN OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, TWO
MINISTERIAL VISITS WITH TRADE ANGLES HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED;

--JAPANESE EMBASSY SITUATION REPORTED SEPTEL:
EMBASSY HAS STAFF BUT THEY ARE AVOIDING MEETING WITH
CHINESE OFFICIALS;

--OF OUR PRINCIPAL TRADE RIVALS, ONLY THE ITALIANS
ARE DOING "BUSINESS AS USUAL."

13. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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